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**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**September 13, 2018**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Bruening. Roll was called by Secretary Stephen Raper. Those whose names are **grayed** out below were absent.

**Brent Unger**, Patrick Gamez, Terry Robertson, Mark Mullin, David Westenberg, Craig Claybaugh, Fui-Hoon Nah, **Parthasakha Neogi**, **Jee Ching Wang**, Richard Dawes, Klaus Woelk, Stuart Baur, Mark Fitch, Jianmin Wang; Michael Gosnell, Chaman Sabharwal, Michael Davis, Levent Acar, Ali Hurson, Kurt Kosbar, Maciej Zawodniok, Steven Corns, Stephen Raper, Sarah Hercula, K. C. Dolan, Norbert Maerz, David Wronkiewicz, Kathleen Sheppard, William Fahrenholtz, Jeff Smith, Akim Adekpedjou, Matt Insall, (Keith Nisbett for) S.N. Balakrishnan, **Jie Gao**, Kelly Homan, Ashok Midha, Otis Register, Shoaib Usman, **Paul Worsey**, Dan Waddill, Ulrich Jentschura, Amber Henslee, **Michelle Schwartz**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The revised minutes of the June 14, 2018 minutes were approved as distributed prior to the meeting.

**III. Campus Reports**

**A. Staff Council**

Barbi Spencer, Vice Chair for Staff Council, reported that Staff Council has several events coming up, including a Campus Listening Session on October 16, Staff Fall Appreciation Day on October 31 and Staff Council Open Forum on November 7. Staff Council is also reviewing their Bylaws.

**B. Student Council**

Student Council President, Madison Moore, asked for a show of hands of faculty who use the Academic Dates and Deadlines Calendar and also the Academic Calendar. She reported that she will ask that the Career Fair be added to the academic dates and deadlines calendar and encouraged faculty to consider the Career Fair when planning exams and project deadlines.

### **C. Council of Graduate Students**

Adriane Melnyckzuk, Council of Graduate Students President, reported that the Council of Graduate Students is recruiting graduate students for CGS projects this year. She added that they are also looking for a staff and faculty advisor.

## **IV. President's Report**

Michael Bruening, President of Faculty Senate, announced the Faculty Senate Officers for 2018-2019, gave a brief overview of how the meetings are to be conducted and the responsibilities of being a Senator.

He reported on topics discussed at the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) Retreat on September 10-11. He said that President Choi's address set for September 14 is expected to include an announcement of significant investments. He also told IFC about increasing concerns about academic espionage. He stated that there will be a focus on increasing research expenditures on all campuses through interdisciplinary research. Other IFC items of interest are an expected modest increase in premiums and copays next year, a possible new retirement plan for new hires, a forecast of state appropriations, and the Curators' Task Force Report.

Dr. Bruening reported on Faculty Senate Initiatives for 2018-2019.

- Bylaws Revision to be led by Tom Schuman
- Policy on Department Creation and Realignment (chaired by Steve Raper)
- Proposed Library Renovations, in which the Library and Learning Resources Committee is actively involved.

He mentioned that several issues have been referred for investigation. The Personnel Committee has been asked to consider the NTT Promotion Policy and procedures, the Committee for Effective Teaching is looking at Course Evaluations, and the Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Committee is considering concerns about the Invention Assignment Agreement.

Dr. Bruening presented a list of the members of the Chancellor Search Committee, which had been previously announced. He encouraged faculty to attend the Chancellor's Search open forum on Monday, September 17.

He stated that he is now the Faculty Senate representative on the Policy Committee, replacing Mark Fitch. He thanked Mark for his two years of service on that committee. He said there will be open forums for a couple of policies under consideration. One involves the use of cameras to monitor facilities and activities; he stressed that the policy does not apply to academic activities such as recording classes. The other is regarding Facilities and Administrative cost recovery rates for private or corporate grants in which the granting agency retains the rights to the intellectual property.

He closed by saying he has been meeting with individual faculty senators on campus to learn more.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[PresidentReport.9.13.18](#)

## **V. Reports of Standing Committees**

### **A. Curricula**

Ashok Midha presented the Curricula Committee report, stating that the Curricula Committee met on August 15 to review three degree change requests, forty-six course change requests, and two experimental course requests.

**Motion:** The Curricula Committee moves for Faculty Senate to approve the DC and CC form actions.

*The motion passed.*

### **B. Budgetary Affairs - NO REPORT**

### **C. Public Occasions**

Steve Corns presented the Public Occasions report for Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, who was attending a research conference. The Office of International and Cultural Affairs requested that the date of international student orientation be changed for spring 2019.

**Motion:** The Public Occasions Committee moves that the date of international student orientation for the spring semester of 2019 be moved from January 7, 2019 to January 15, 2019.

It was noted that January 15, 2019 is a Tuesday and orientation begins on Monday. By friendly amendment, the date in the motion was changed from January 15, 2019 to January 14, 2019.

*The amended motion was approved.*

Dr. Corns went on to say that the Public Occasions Committee is still discussing the addition of a second fall break earlier in the semester. Some options that have been proposed are keeping the full week of Thanksgiving and adding a short break earlier in the semester, or shortening Thanksgiving break to three days and adding a two-day break earlier in the semester. The committee plans to consult with several groups on campus that may be impacted by the change before making a decision.

Faculty were invited to send comments to Steve or Sahra.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[PublicOccasions.9.13.18](#)

## **VI. Administrative Reports**

### **A. Chancellor's Report**

Interim Chancellor Maples opened his report by sharing a photo from the Ozzie Osborn Family visit to the experimental mine last March. He said the filming went well and the University was shown in a positive light.

Chancellor Maples presented a slide showing the universities and research agencies from which our new faculty came, where they earned their PhDs, and their areas of expertise and research.

He highlighted recent accomplishments of faculty from both colleges, mentioning impressive NSF research grants awarded to Drs. Aleksandr Chernatynskiy, Amitava Choudhury and Risheng Wang from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Business. From the College of Engineering and Computing, a DOE Nuclear Energy University Program grant was awarded to Drs. Haiming Wen and Joseph Graham, and Dr. Sutapa Barua patented a method to remove bacterial toxins from fluid. Chancellor Maples mentioned two more noteworthy accomplishments, referring to Dr. Gerald Cohen and Dr. Gary Long, who were honored for fifty years of service to the university. He led the Senate in a round of applause.

The Chancellor announced new leadership on campus: Dr. Costas Tsatsoulis, Vice Chancellor of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies; Dr. Angela Lueking, Associate Dean of Research for CEC, Dr. Melanie Mormile, Interim Associate Dean of Research for CASB. In new appointments, he mentioned Dr. Rainer Glaser, Chair of Chemistry; Dr. Greg Hilmas, Chair of Materials Science and Engineering, and Avery Welker, Student Representative for the UM System Board of Curators.

He highlighted some recent organizational changes, including the closing of the office of institutional research and assessment and the office of professional leadership and campus engagement. He added that the Library and Global Learning structures are under review.

Chancellor Maples said that Missouri S&T will present five capital projects for approval at the September 20-21 meeting of the Board of Curators. These include:

- Schrenk Hall addition and renovation
- Computer Science Building addition and renovation
- Curtis Laws Wilson Library and Learning commons renovation
- Engineering Research Lab addition and renovation
- McNutt Hall addition

Dr. Maples said the draft Strategic Plan goes to the Board of Curators for approval at the September 20-21 meeting.

Chancellor Maples mentioned several upcoming events, including the Celebration of Nations on September 29, the State of the University address on October 3, the Rolla Mural Dedication and the HLC Accreditation site visit on October 8-9.

Details of the report are available at the following link:  
[Chancellor.Report.9.13.18](#)

## **B. Provost's Report**

Provost Marley added to the Chancellor's comments about the Library review, saying that in addition to other considerations, the type of personnel hired for librarian positions is being reviewed.

He then introduced Dr. Daniel Forciniti, who was appointed Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs in early summer.

Dr. Marley announced faculty who were recently promoted and/or received tenure, congratulating them on their achievements. He also mentioned those faculty who received Faculty External Reward and Recognition Awards and those who received post tenure awards.

Provost Marley gave some updates on student enrollment and faculty numbers, noting that numbers aren't yet official. He called on Tim Albers to confirm that although student enrollment is down about 2.5% from last year, this freshman class is still the sixth largest in recent history.

He mentioned the Dean's Resource Task Force may be reformed to look at F&A distribution, carryover, faculty incentives and fixed price. He said this may result in proposals of new Policy Memoranda that will be then vetted by the Policy Committee.

Follow-up questions concerned graduate student enrollment, which is down about eight percent. In response to a question about how our graduate enrollment compares with that of the other UM campuses, Provost Marley replied that he understands that graduate enrollment at UMKC and UMSL are also down, but he was not sure about Mizzou.

In response to a question about Faculty Incentives, Provost Marley said that faculty incentives are not being reduced, but those funds are being used in support of activities rather than individual faculty.

The details of the report as well as division updates are posted at the following link:  
[Provost.Report.9.13.18](#)

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

Dr. Bruening mentioned one item of unfinished business from the June meeting. The Plus/Minus Grading Motion was introduced by Academic Freedom and Standards, it was debated at the June meeting, and a recommendation was made during that meeting to refer the motion to the Student Affairs Committee. The Student Affairs Committee had not yet elected a chair before RP&A set the agenda for this meeting. He said that Levent Acar, chair of the Student Affairs Committee and Kurt Kosbar, current chair of the Academic Freedom and Standards committee are both in favor of sending the proposal back to Academic Freedom and Standards.

A **motion** was made and seconded to refer the proposal to the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee.

*The motion passed.*

## **New Business**

Steve Corns said he had received a comment from a student who is concerned about accommodations through Student Disability Services. He reminded faculty that it is important to take those notices into account and made accommodations whenever possible.

## **VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen A. Raper, Secretary